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Applicant: Geoffrey M. Lawrence

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Responsive to the Official Action dated September 28, 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which has at least 80% identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 over the entire length of SEQ ID NO:2, said identity being calculated using FASTA wherein the two sequences are aligned so that highest order match is obtained.

- 2. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide as claimed in claim 1 in which
- the amino acid sequence has at least 90% identity over the entire length of SEQ ID
- 3 NO:2, said identity being calculated using FASTA wherein the two sequences are
- 4 aligned so that highest order match is obtained.
 - 3. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide as claimed in claim 1 in which
- the amino acid sequence has at least 95% identity over the entire length of SEQ ID

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Date: December 28, 1998